

WHEREAS, A major goal of public education is to provide basic skills and knowledge needed for participation in society; and,

WHEREAS, An equal educational opportunity means that all students should have the same chance to acquire those skills and knowledge; and,

WHEREAS, The public education goal can be better achieved by public instruction using the native language and culture of limited or non-English speaking students as a basis for learning subjects until second language skills have been developed sufficiently; and,

WHEREAS, The Department of Education and Cultural Affairs and other interested groups are holding a state-wide bilingual/bicultural education conference on January 29-31, 1976 in Rapid City, South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of January 25-31, 1976, as

BILINGUAL/BICULTURAL EDUCATION
WEEK

In South Dakota, and I urge every citizen who considers an equal educational opportunity the right of every child to observe this week and support local bilingual/bicultural education programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the Great Seal
of the State of South Dakota,
in Pierre, the Capital City,
this 16th day of January, in
the Year of Our Lord, Nine-
teen Hundred and Seventy-
Six

R. F. Kneip

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Hereth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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